

The Humble

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Of the Right Honourable the

Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In Parliament assembled,

PRESENTED TO

H I S M A J E S T Y,

On *Saturday*, the Fifth Day of *December*, 1741.

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His Majesty's

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ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the Address of this House, presented to His Majesty, and His Majesty's most gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith printed and published.

Ashley Cowper,
Cler' Parliamentor'

The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

Die Veneris, 4^o Decembris, 1741.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



E, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return Your Majesty our humble Thanks for Your most Gracious Speech from the Throne, and, at the same Time, to present unto Your Majesty our sincere and joyful Congratulations on Your safe and happy Return into this

Kingdom.

The just and necessary War, in which Your Majesty is engaged against the Crown of *Spain*, is of such high Importance to the Trade and Navigation of Your Subjects, and to the Welfare of Your Kingdoms, that it is with the utmost Thankfulness we observe the great Concern which Your Majesty has been pleased to express for carrying it on; which we hope, by the Divine Blessing upon Your Majesty's Arms, will be attended with Success equal to the Justice of Your Cause, and the ardent Wishes of Your People.

Your Majesty has so truly represented the impending Dangers to which *Europe* is exposed, in the present critical Conjunction, as must awaken, in every one, an Attention suitable to the Occasion: And we cannot but be fully sensible of the evil Consequences arising from the Designs and Enterprizes, formed and carrying on for the Subversion or Reduction of the House of *Austria*, which threaten such apparent Mischiefs to the Common Cause.

In this Situation it becomes us, with Hearts full of Gratitude to Your Majesty, to acknowledge Your Royal Goodness in expressing so earnest a Desire to receive, and so high a Regard for, the Advice of Your Parliament: Your Majesty, secure of the Loyalty and Affections of Your People, may rely upon that, with the best ground-

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ed Confidence ; and we beg Leave to assure Your Majesty, that we will not fail to take the important Points, which You have been pleased to mention to us, into our most serious Consideration ; and, in the most dutiful Manner, to offer to Your Majesty such Advice as shall appear to us to be most conducive to the Honour and true Interest of Your Crown and Kingdoms.

We have a due Sense, how much the present Posture of Affairs calls upon us, for that Unanimity, Vigour, and Dispatch, which Your Majesty has so wisely recommended to us ; and we do most unfeignedly give Your Majesty the strongest Assurances, that we will vigorously and heartily concur in all just and necessary Measures for the Defence and Support of Your Majesty, the Maintenance of the Balance and Liberties of Europe, and the Assistance of our Allies.

As Duty and Affection to Your Majesty are, in us, fixed and unalterable Principles, so we feel the Impressions of them, at this Time, so strong and lively in our Breasts, that we cannot omit to lay hold on this Opportunity of approaching Your Royal Presence, to renew the most sincere Professions of our constant and inviolable Fidelity : And we do, with a Zeal and Firmness never to be shaken, promise Your Majesty, that we will, at the Hazard of all that is dear to us, exert ourselves for the Defence and Preservation of Your Sacred Person and Government, and the Maintenance of the Protestant Succession in Your Royal House, on which the Continuance of the Protestant Religion, and the Liberties of *Great Britain*, doth, under God, depend.

HIS MAJESTY's most Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

I Heartily thank you for this very loyal and dutiful Address. The Zeal, which you have declared for My Defence and Support, and for the Maintenance of the Liberties of Europe, and the Assistance of Our Allies, gives Me great Satisfaction. You may depend upon My constant Regard to the Advice of My Parliament, and my steady Adherence to the true Interest of My Crown and Kingdoms.

